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For: DISSECTION OF EDGES WITH PROJECTION POINTS IN A FABRICATION
LAYOUT FOR CORRECTING PROXIMITY EFFECTS

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Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the application referenced above, please amend the application referenced above as indicated hereinafter. In accordance with revised 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked up version of the replacement section is provided on separate pages attached to this amendment.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 13 beginning at line 13 with:

Figures 9A and 9B are flow diagrams for selecting dissection points using the dissection parameters according to one embodiment.

Page 1, please delete and replace the Related Applications section with the following:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is related to U.S. patent application serial number 09/675,582 (Attorney Docket 50275-0013), entitled "Dissection Of Corners In A Fabrication Layout For Correcting Proximity Effects," filed on September 29, 2000, invented by Christophe Pierrat and Youping Zhang.